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SUBJECT: MBFR: OPTION III: COMMON CEILING AND FURTHER EQUIPMENT
REDUCTIONS

REFS: A) STATE 246824/1 DTG 170027Z OCT 75; B) BONN 16908 DTG
151749Z OCT 75; C) STATE 248364 DTG 180119Z OCT 75; D)
USNATO 5665 171500Z OCT 75

1. WE DISCUSSED ON OCTOBER 20 WITH FRG REP AT SPC MEETINGS ON
MBFR (HOYNCK) THE NEW US LANGUAGE ON APPROPRIATE DEFINITION OF THE
COMMON CEILING (REF A). HOYNCK PERSONALLY WAS INTERESTED IN THE
US WORKING (PARA 2, REF A)), AND SAID BONN WOULD WANT TO GIVE
CAREFUL AND EXPEDITIOUS ATTENTION TO IT. HE SAID HE DETECTED
GREATER FRG AWARENESS THAT IF THE ALLIES USE OPTION III TO OVERLOAD
OUR PHASE I OBJECTIVES, HIS WOULD HAVE NEGATIVE IMPLICATIONS FOR
PHASING. HE HOPED THAT BONN WOULD BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THE US TEXT
WITH ONLY MINOR AMENDMENTS. HOWEVER, HE URGED THAT WE DELAY
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INTRODUCING THE TEXT UNTIL THE SPC MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23.
IF WE INTRODUCED THE TEXT TODAY (OCTOBER 20) HE SAW NO ALTERNATIVE
BUT TO INTRODUCE THE FRG'S OWN TEXT (REF B). TO AVOID
COMPLICATION OF NEW FRG TEXT, WE AGREED TO DELAY INTRODUCING THE

US TEXT UNTIL THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, IN ORDER TO GIVE FRG TIME TO REACT.

2. ANOTHER SUBJECT WE DISCUSSED WITH HOYNCK WAS THE NEW US LANGUAGE FOR PARA 3 OF THE DRAFT GUIDANCE ON FURTHER EQUIPMENT REDUCTIONS (REF C). HOYNCK THOUGHT THAT US SUPPORT OF FRG POSITION THAT REDUCTIONS OF NON-US ALLIED EQUIPMENT ARE UNACCEPTABLE CREATED A NEW SITUATION. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT IF US INTRODUCED THE NEW LANGUAGE FOR PARA 3 TODAY, HE WOULD HAVE TO PROPOSE THE FRG PHRASE WHICH WAS DELETED ("AND THAT REDUCTIONS OF SUCH EQUIPMENT ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE WEST"). HE NOTED THAT THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A CLOSE LINK BETWEEN THAT PART OF PARA 3 OF THE DRAFT GUIDANCE, AND PARA 3 (BIS) OF THE POSITION PAPER. WE AGREED NOT TO INTRODUCE THE NEW US LANGUAGE TODAY, IN ORDER TO GIVE EMBASSY BONN TIME TO MAKE ITS DEMARCHE WITH RUTH (PARA 4, REF C). (COMMENT: WE CONTINUE TO RECOMMEND THE COURSE STATE IN PARA 5, REF D, I.E. THAT THE US INFORM THE FRG THAT WE COULD ACCEPT THE NEW FRG VERSION OF PARA 3 (BIS) AS AN INTERNAL ALLIANCE POSITION IF PARA 3 OF THE DRAFT GUIDANCE WERE MADE ADEQUATE BY DELETION OF THE PHRASE "AND THAT REDUCTIONS OF SUCH EQUIPMENT ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE WEST." WE BELIEVE THIS COURSE HAS BEEN FACILITATED BY US SUPPORT, STATE IN PARA 4, REF C, FOR THE FRG POSITION THAT REDUCTIONS OF NON-US ALLIED EQUIPMENT ARE UNACCEPTABLE TO NATO IN EITHER PHRASE.) STREATOR

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